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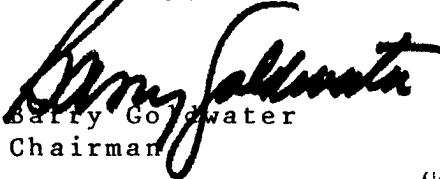
On September 28, 1984, the U.S. Senate passed by unanimous consent the Central Intelligence Agency Information Act [H.R. 5164]. The purpose of this legislation is to amend the National Security Act of 1947 in order to relieve the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) of the unproductive burden of searching and reviewing certain operational files under the Freedom of Information Act [FOIA].

This action by the U.S. Senate culminates a four year effort by Members of Congress to provide some relief to the CIA from the provisions of FOIA as it pertains to their operational files. In a recent letter to me, John N. McMahon, the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, stated that "passage of this bill is explicit testimony that the Congress and Executive Branch of the United States are dedicated to the protection of our sources and methods ... we are very grateful." In my judgment, obtaining this relief for the CIA will probably go down as the most significant legislative achievement for the Intelligence Community in this session of Congress.

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[Redacted] you played a significant role in obtaining passage of this legislation. On behalf of all Members of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, I want to thank you for this. You have every right to be proud of what we have been able to do here for the intelligence family and for the Nation.

Sincerely,


 Barry Goldwater
 Chairman